

## LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DAMAGED BY STUDENTS

College Libraries Throughout  
Country Suffer Because  
of "Moral Reaction  
From the War."

### MANY VOLUMES STOLEN

Missouri University Punishes  
Those Who Give Fictitious  
Names by Expelling  
the Offenders.

Since the World War, students have been less considerate in their use of library books, according to college librarians. Books have never been so severely dealt with as during the last four years. At the University of Missouri the greatest difficulty in protecting books from destructive students has been experienced in the main reading room of the general library. About 2,500 upperclassmen use this room and their most persistent habit is that of defacing books. There seems to be a fiendish desire on the part of many of these students to make marginal notations regardless of the subject treated in the book. Some of the notations so egotistically emblazoned are witty, others sarcastic, and not a few suggestive.

The habit of indiscriminate marginal annotations is not confined to students of one sex. A page may frequently be seen on which an inscription in a bold masculine hand is followed by a qualifying statement in a feminine hand. It is not unusual to see one page soaked with ink from different fountain pens that have flowed violet, blue, black, green, or even red ink.

The more serious, but none the less thoughtless, bookworm leaves a trail of ink across the pages scanned by underscoring words, phrases, clauses, sentences, and whole paragraphs, which for some reason have appeared to be of special importance. Crude pictures, invariably in ink, and meaningless marks of pencil and pen add to the disfigurement of the printed page of library books. The sin of cutting out pages and pictures is often discovered in magazines than in books.

One troublesome species of student that has become a pest all over the United States during the last four years, is not satisfied with merely mutilating library books. He gives a fictitious name and makes away with the entire book. Yale's library did not know this type until after the World War. The University of Missouri has also discovered this pest.

Until March of this year, the penalty attached to giving a fictitious name was a fine amounting to the price of the book or books, a reprimand by the president, and parole. More drastic means to stop this method of stealing books were needed, however, and the committee on discipline has made a new ruling which has been approved by the president of Missouri University, and issued by H. O. Severance, librarian. The new ruling states: "After March 29, 1922 any student who is convicted of giving a fictitious name when obtaining books from the library will be dismissed from the University for at least one term."

A student was found guilty of giving a fictitious name and dismissed for the fall term, October 27. There are now ten books involved and three students under investigation by the University to determine if fictitious names were given at the library.

Students who gave fictitious names in the past have been upperclassmen. Not one freshman has ever been found guilty of this offense. The library in Jesse Hall is used exclusively by freshmen, and few infringements of the library rules have been discovered. The morale of the freshman class this term is regarded by the librarians as being higher than for any period since pre-war days.

Not all books are lost through the efforts of the evil minded students, however. Many books disappear from the stacks to which only library employees, graduate students, and University instructors have access. The proverbial absentmindedness of the college professor is substantiated frequently by the discovery that a professor forgot to charge himself with a book which he later mislaid.

Patrons of the University Library who fail to return books when due are fewer

this term than in past years, although there are still from six to eight notices mailed daily to recall books. Failure to return a book on reserve incurs a fine of 25 cents and 5 cents for each additional hour overtime. On books lent for over-time, the maximum fine is the price of the book, in either case.

Although few books disappear from the shelves in the main reading room, there are frequently electric globes missed from the reading-room tables. As the light globes are specially locked in their shade, the fixtures are often broken, presumably in the attempt to make away with the globe.

The experiences of the library of the Missouri University are no worse than those of other libraries. It is the consensus of librarians in general that the destructive habit of the present day college student is but a reflection of the moral reaction resulting from the World War.

### SIXTIETH MEETING OF STATE TEACHERS BEGINS

Schoolmasters' Club Dinner Will Be  
Held Tonight at University  
Club.

The sixtieth annual meeting of the Missouri State Teachers' Association opened at 9 o'clock this morning at the Baltimore Hotel in Kansas City. It will continue through Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The meeting was called to order in the Francis I. Room by Miss Elizabeth Buchanan, chairman of the Executive Committee. The Rev. Benjamin Young, pastor of the Linwood Boulevard M. E. Church, gave the invocation following the call to order.

The second session of the assembly began at 10 o'clock.

The Educational Council will hold a department session this evening at 8 o'clock in the Francis I. Room of the Baltimore Hotel. The chairman of the council is Dr. J. H. Courso, dean of the School of Education. They will study the question of the certification of teachers in Missouri.

All of the general sessions will be held in Convention Hall, Thirteenth and Central streets.

The first general session will start in the morning at 9 o'clock in Convention Hall. The program for this session is as follows:

9:00—Music, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Edmund Brown, Lowell, Mass.; Invocation, Dr. Harry Rogers, Linwood Boulevard Presbyterian Church.

9:30—Address of welcome, I. I. Cammack, Superintendent of Schools, Kansas City.

9:40—Response on behalf of the officers of the State Teachers' Association, Byron Cosby, State Teachers' College, Kirksville.

9:50—Response on behalf of teachers, Louis Thielmann, Superintendent of Schools, Breckenridge.

10:00—Address, William Mather Lewis, chief of Education Service, United States Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

10:45—Address, Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, Missouri Tuberculosis Association, St. Louis.

11:05—Address, F. C. Touton, Associate Professor of Education, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.

The Missouri Branch of National Council of Administrative Women will have a banquet at the Muehlebach Hotel this evening at 7 o'clock.

## In and Near Boone County

### McBaine

Clay Again transacted business here Monday.

Lee Vandiver was here on business Tuesday.

A. G. Morris visited relatives at Jefferson City Monday.

Miss Frances Ferguson spent Saturday in Columbia.

Walter Sappington spent the week-end here with relatives.

Patterson Bain, Jr., spent Monday at his country home near here.

Mrs. J. S. Melloway and children visited relatives at Wilton last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Cunningham were the guests of relatives at Hinton Sunday.

W. L. Tremaine bought alfalfa hay from Joel Adams for \$14 a ton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Douglass and children spent Saturday in Columbia shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart of Russellville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Eyrja Jesse.

Misses Clarice and Elmyra Jackson were the guests of Mrs. Margaret Wilson Sunday evening.

Joel Adams has rented his farm to Groves Vie. Mr. and Mrs. Adams will move to Columbia.

Mrs. J. S. Reed spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Limerick, in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Richardson of Columbia were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Richardson Sunday.

Misses Letha Douglass and Lindsay May Gibson, and Norris Gibson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bailey at Centralia.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shock and family and Miss Alma Shock attended services at the Lutheran Church at Columbia Sunday evening.

Four carloads of stock were shipped from here Monday. The following were the shippers: Batterson & Douglass, Clyde L. Shepherd, E. J. Douglass, F. B. Douglass, Victor Roddy and George Williamson.

### Harg

Miss Elva Mustine spent Sunday at home.

Leland Lynes returned from St. Louis Tuesday night.

Curtis Black and family visited Mrs. E. J. Black Sunday.

Miss Mary Mourning spent the week-end at her home near Hallsville.

Margaret and Charles Henry Reid spent the week-end on the farm.

Robert Dudley and some of his friends spent Friday night at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Willingham were guests at the home of Ed Johnson Sunday.

H. H. King, who teaches at Robnett School, visited with his family this week-end.

Mrs. M. A. Turner and Carlisle Turner visited at the home of Mrs. Berkely Estes Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dudley spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Stone and Lee Stone.

A large percentage of the voters at Harg were women. One hundred votes were cast.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lowery, Miss Doris Lowery and Bryant Page were din-

ner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cox Sunday. Miss Lowery is a junior in the Columbia High School.

Dollie B. Fisher, Ella Mae Willingham and Catherine Page spent Sunday with Zetta and Ida Johnson.

Work on the Fulton gravel road, east of Harg, will be continued this week. Joe Baumgartner is in charge.

The Carlisle School was closed for a few days last week, on account of the illness of the teacher, Mrs. Hargus.

The attendance contest which is being held by the Sunday school, is growing more interesting. The men lead in attendance.

The W. T. C. U. held a meeting today at the home of Mrs. Ned Gibbs. Mrs. W. P. Dysart and Mrs. J. L. Cannon of Columbia spoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Lynes and Mrs. Betty Lynes spent Friday with Mose Adcock and family near Fulton. Mrs. Betty Lynes remained there for an extended visit.

The Missionary Society of Olivet Church met at the home of Mrs. W. P. Dysart, Jr., on Fulton gravel, last Thursday. Devotional services were led by Mrs. Wegener. Others who attended the meeting were Mrs. R. L. Hill, Mrs. J. L. Lynes and Mrs. Daily. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Daily were requested to buy a book which the society will present to Mrs. W. P. Dysart, Sr. "Grandmother" Dysart, as she is known to everyone, organized the Missionary Society. The society also decided to send a coop of chickens to the Christian Orphan's Home in St. Louis one week before Thanksgiving.

### Little Cedar

H. W. Mustian had fifty hogs vaccinated Tuesday.

Frank Baumgartner vaccinated thirty-five hogs against cholera last Friday.

Jack Hubbard of Callaway County attended the pie supper at Robnett School, Friday night.

Carter School had a pie supper a few days ago. A good crowd attended and a fund of \$24.95 was raised.

The pie supper at Robnett School last Friday night was well attended. The receipts of the evening were \$10.25.

Watson Selby attended a "housewarming" at the home of George Langston, near McGuire School, Friday night.

Mrs. Anna Selby sold 345 bushels of new corn in the crib at 70 cents a bushel to Bob Verner, who will feed it on his own farm.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Schneider and daughter, Helen, of the Grindstone district attended the pie supper at Robnett School, Friday evening.

The Robnett School Board elected Gus Wefenstett as president of the board to serve the unexpired term of F. F. Schneider, who has removed to the Grindstone district.

Joe Baumgartner, road boss in this district, put men and teams on the Old Trails Route, between Harg and Big Cedar, last week, and filled in the bad holes with creek gravel.

### Rocheport

Mrs. Thomas Rawlins is on the sick list.

John Gardner transacted business here Monday.

Among those who attended the teachers' meeting at Harrisburg Thursday afternoon were: Miss Maimie Sampson, Miss Mary Adams Rawlins, J. R. Bondurant and J. R. Anthony.

George Seamount of Woodlandville was here Monday.

R. M. Rawlins was in Columbia Friday on business.

Dr. W. E. Angell is having a new roof put on his house.

There was a public sale held on the farm of Zack Crews on Tuesday.

Norris Sampson spent the week-end visiting relatives in Rocheport.

Mrs. Wilfred Snell of Howard County was a Rocheport visitor Saturday.

A sermon will be preached at the Christian Church next Sunday.

Pearson McKee and J. R. Bondurant were in Columbia Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Canole and daughter, Sue, shopped in Columbia Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Thurman and Miss Mary Slade were Booneville visitors last week.

J. R. Anthony and family have taken up their residence in the Brown Robinson house.

Rocheport residents interested in politics have organized a "Reed for President" club.

J. W. McMillan shipped a carload of mules and a carload of hogs to St. Louis Monday.

Mrs. Emma Haines and Miss Mary Canole, are visiting their brother, Lee Canole, in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Minor and Miss Alice Jordan of Fayette visited Mrs. Thomas Rawlins Thursday.

On account of unfavorable weather, Sam Jordan failed to speak at a meeting of the Community Club Saturday night.

Charles Spelky of St. Louis arrived last week to assist his father in buying furs in the territory surrounding Rocheport.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Angell and daughters, Helen and Margaret, of Ashland, were the guests of W. F. Angell over the week-end.

Dr. Hatt writes Rocheport friends that the date of his return home is indefinite on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Mrs. J. P. Huntington, Miss Maimie Pipes and Miss Sallie Bell are attending a Sunday school convention in Mexico this week.

Son Comes to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn. Mr. and Mrs. Arch Glenn announce the birth of a ten-pound son last night.

Get your winter supply of Alcohol at Taylor's Garage. adv.

## CREDIT GIVEN TO SOLDIERS

Battle Participation Board Is Instituted.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The war department has determined that the individual soldier in the World War shall receive credit for his battle service. To this end it has instituted a Battle Participation Board that is reviewing the records of every "outfit" that went to France, to determine finally in what actions against the Germans they took part.

Stowed away in a corner of the enormous building that houses the records of the American Expeditionary Forces here, the Board is plugging away at its task. A lot depends upon it, its members say, for if "Private O'Mulligan, 098345", was in the St. Mihiel offensive and the records have him wrong, who can say to what indignities O'Mulligan's descendants a hundred years from now may have to suffer from this inaccurate.

Acres and acres of records, piled three stories high in an eight-winged building, is the battle-terrain of the Board. Records of every individual that reached France; records of every outfit that ever got off a transport, are there. The system thus is this: When a soldier applies for a medal, the Board gets to work and determines what action the Umptieth participated in. Private Giannocci's personal record is then searched by another department to see if he was engaged. If so, he is awarded the appropriate clasp for his medal for the actions which the Board has decided the Umptieth took part in. The Board's decision becomes a history.

The policy of the Board is liberal, its members say. Each one of them, a total of four, saw days and days of active front line service and they are disposed to give every soldier full credit for participating in an action even if he only heard a gun fired.

Few College Men in Jail

By United Press.  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 15.—If you would keep out of prison take a university or college course. That's the advice of the warden of Arkansas penitentiary.

The prison report, just made public, shows that of 1,302 persons at the institution during the fiscal year, July 1, 1921, to June 30, 1922, only 15 were of university or college training.

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